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SUBJECT: VISIT TO FRG AND BERLIN OF US CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION

1. BUNDESTAG DEPUTY BUSSMANN (SPD) INFORMED THE EMBASSY JUNE 30 THAT 12 US CONGRESSMEN WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE VISIT OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIANS TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND PROGRAM HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT WEST GERMANY AND BERLIN FROM SEPTEMBER 13-20. SIX OF THE GROUP WILL BE CONGRESSMEN DON BONKER, ROBERT KASTEN, FORTNEY STARK, TRENT LOTT, TOM RAILSBACK AND PHILIP HAYES. WE WILL OBTAIN THE OTHER SIX NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP IS BEING INVITED BY THE BUNDESTAG BUT THE FUNDING IS BEING CHanneled THROUGH THE THREE PARTY-AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS, THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION, THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION AND THE FRIEDRICH NAUMANN FOUNDATION, IN ORDER TO AVOID LEGAL/FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

2. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP LEAVE NEW YORK ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12 AT 18:45 HOURS AND ARRIVE IN BONN/COLOGNE AT 07:00 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 13.
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THEY WOULD THEN IMMEDIATELY LEAVE FOR BERLIN, ARRIVING

IN BERLIN AT 09:20 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 13, THERE WOULD BE A LUNCH IN BERLIN (WEST). DR. BUSSMANN ASKED IF THE US COMMANDER WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE LUNCH. IF NOT, HE SAID, THE SENATE WOULD BE ASKED TO DO SO. THAT EVENING THE BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WHO WERE IN THE UNITED STATES (MANFRED ABELEIN, BERNHARD BUSSMANN, HANSJOERG HAEFELE, PETER SCHMIDHUBER, ANDREAS VON BUELOW, TORSTEN WOLFGRAHM AND OTHERS) WOULD GIVE A DINNER FOR THE CONGRESSMEN IN BERLIN (WEST). THE NEXT DAY, SEPTEMBER 14, THERE WOULD BE A BRUNCH FOR THE VISITING CONGRESSMEN AT THE REICHSTAG AT 11:00 A.M., FOLLOWED BY BRIEFINGS ON THE BERLIN SITUATION. THIS WOULD BE OVER AT 2:00 P.M., AND DR. BUSSMANN ASKED IF AT THIS POINT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION COULD BE TAKEN TO BERLIN (EAST) THROUGH CHECKPOINT CHARLIE WHERE THEY MIGHT BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF EAST BERLIN AND VISIT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THAT EVENING THEY ARE ASKING THE GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GDR, GUENTER GAUS, TO GIVE A DINNER FOR BOTH THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG MEMBERS AND THE US CONGRESSMEN. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, THE CONGRESSMEN WOULD FLY FROM BERLIN (WEST) TO HAMBURG.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WOULD BE IN BONN, WHERE THEY WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, AND ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 18, THE CONGRESSMEN WOULD SPLIT UP FOR VISITS TO THE "WAHLKREISE" OF THE HOST BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES. THE GROUP WOULD DEPART FOR THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 20.

4. FOR USMISSION USBERLIN. AS THERE IS NO ONE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE BUNDESTAG, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE SENATE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE VISIT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THE US COMMANDER OR MINISTER IS INTERESTED IN GIVING A LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 13, AND IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO TAKE THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP TO BERLIN (EAST) AND ON A TOUR OF THE SOVIET SECTOR.

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5. FOR AMEMBASSY BERLIN. PLEASE INFORM US IF THE AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE GROUP AT THE EMBASSY IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 14.
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